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Mission status

(As of June 28)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)

	+ 1.4
	- .25
	- 0.8

Fiscal Year 2000 statistics

--Sorties flown: 49,599
--Hours flown: 73,523.6
--Pilot wings earned in FY 00: 226
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,591

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Hornburg takes command of AETC

By Staff Sgt.
Cheri Dragos

12th FTW Public Affairs

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff, passed the reins of Air Education and Training Command from Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton to Gen. Hal Hornburg during a ceremony held Thursday in front of the "Taj Mahal."

Newton is retiring Aug. 1 with more than 34 years of military service.

Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters was among the many distinguished visitors that attended the ceremony.

"It is an honor to be here with these two super officers and warriors," said Ryan during the change of command ceremony.

"General Fig Newton has brought superb leadership and vision to this command. He has brought a culture of personal excellence to every challenging position he has held," said Ryan. "As commander, he has ensured that the expeditionary culture has permeated throughout Air Education and Training Command. He has built the right mind set and skill set in our newest airmen."

The chief of staff said Hornburg was chosen as the 25th commander of AETC be-

cause he is a proven commander, combat leader and aviator.

"General Hornburg always seems to be where the action is," said Ryan, citing Hornburg's combat action in Vietnam and his command involvement in air operations during Desert Storm, Bosnia, Desert Thunder and Desert Fox.

"He comes to AETC from Air Combat Command where he was vice commander, training and sustaining the forces that we deploy worldwide in our expeditionary force," said Ryan. "As General Hornburg takes the stick of this great command, I know he will have great challenges and success."

In accepting command of AETC, Hornburg expressed his gratitude for "being given the opportunity to lead this great command" and pledged to "sustain what the Newtons have started."

Hornburg also shared a glimpse of his vision for the command.

"I really think our job is to create airmen - to give birth to airmen - to take America's sons and daughters and transform them into something bigger than what they were when we got them," said Hornburg. "Airman is not a rank, it is what we are. It is our DNA,



Photo by O.J. Sanchez

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan (left) passes the AETC flag to Gen. Hal Hornburg during a change of command ceremony held Thursday at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Hornburg replaces Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton as the AETC commander. Newton retires Aug. 1 after more than 34 years of military service.

our ethos, what we believe in and what we stand for."

Shortly after Hornburg's statements, Newton thanked the members of AETC - active duty, civilian and contractors - for all they accomplished during his tenure and then offered one piece of advice to the new commander.

"These individuals standing before you in uniform today represent only a small part of the professional people throughout this great command," said Newton. "If you take care of them I assure you they will continue to

take care of you."

The commander of troops for the ceremony was Col. Stephan Eisen, 737th Training Group commander at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The troops in formation consisted of four units made up of airmen from Headquarters AETC and the 12th Flying Training Wing, as well as the 37th Training Wing and 59th Medical Wing at Lackland. Each formation wore a different

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Del Rio Fourth of July events

- 10 a.m. - Independence Day Parade - South Main St.
- 11 a.m. - Welcome, posting of the colors, Laughlin T-1 fly over.
- 12 p.m. - Brunch - Joe Ramos Center.
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Live disc jockey, live bands.
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Youth Group

- dance performance.
- 6:30 - 7:15 - Casa De La Cultura Folklorico.
- 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. - Intro of dignitaries, Independence Day address.
- 7:45 - 8:30 p.m. - Live DJ, dancing.
- 8:30 - 9 p.m. - Youth Entertainment - Miss Bonnie's Dance Academy.
- 9 - 9:45 p.m. - Red, White and Blue

- Revue performance. Dedicated to the men and women of Laughlin and all veterans.
- 10 - 10:20 p.m. - Opening Act "Encanto" (live band).
- 10:20 - 10:35 p.m. - Independence Day fireworks display.
- 10:35 - 12 a.m. - "Encanto" performs.

The Air Force Chief of Staff has declared Monday a Family Day. Military members will have the day off. Liberal leave will be granted to civilian employees.

Polk encourages members to honor patriots by exercising right to vote

By Maj. Gen. Steven Polk
19th Air Force commander

Nearly two and one-quarter centuries ago, the true citizen-soldier was born. Calling themselves Americans, our forefathers issued the Declaration of Independence, and in doing so, created a revolutionary type of warrior.

As members of the 19th Air Force team – active duty, Guard and reserve, civilians and contractors – you continue the legacy of those citizen/soldiers.

Often in the fanfare of Fourth of July celebrations we overlook what the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War were really about. In simplest terms, they were about the right to vote. ... about the right to freely elect the officials who would lead this nation to greatness ... about having a say in the

government rather than just being governed.

In the fight for Independence, American patriots fought in many bloody battles and endured great hardships to secure for us the blessings of liberty – including the right to vote. As citizen/soldiers we have a profound duty to exercise that right.

Less than 50-percent of Americans went to the polls in the past few national elections. Had the members of the Continental Congress turned out in such numbers there might not have been an Independence Day to celebrate.

You may not know that the vote by the 13 colonies was nine for, two against, one undecided and one abstention. What if less than 50 percent had voted that day?

It is just four months before Election

Day. Whether voting locally or by absentee ballot, you need to act now to ensure you are registered. Voting assistance officers are ready to assist you at each 19th Air Force installation.

This Fourth of July, I encourage you to pay special honor to those great patriots by pledging to exercise our most precious freedom – register and vote!

Henrietta and I thank you and your families for your dedication, patriotism and hard work.

Have a safe holiday weekend and Godspeed.



Polk

Wing commander asks members to reflect on meaning of July Fourth

By Col. Skip Scott
47th Flying Training Wing commander

The Fourth of July celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a turning point in American history. This defined that people will govern themselves with freedom and justice for the good of not only the individual, but also society.

Over 224 years later, we are still building a free and just society. We revel in our nation's freedom and continuing quest for "liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

We, here at Laughlin help to uphold those basic liberties. We help to protect the individual and collective rights. We are called to service – to stand guard for the freedoms and basic liberties of all citizens.

General Ryan has declared that the third of July be celebrated as a family day to commemorate the hard work all members of the Air Force have given in the last year. This is a time for families, friends and neighbors to get together to celebrate and remember our freedom, democracy and individual rights.

The Fourth is a day for Team XL to be proud of what you have accomplished and to look ahead to what you can achieve in the coming years. I'm proud of you and all you do to make Laughlin a success. Use the holiday weekend to take some time off, enjoy the summer and spend time with your families.

If you're looking for some holiday festivities, you may check out Del Rio's Fourth of July activities at the amphitheater. This event, after all, is dedicated to all of the workers of Laughlin.

Kathy and I hope you and your families have a great Fourth of July weekend. Please keep safety at the forefront as you drive, fly, boat, swim or relax!

Raising hands, taking oaths, pledging allegiance: Chief master sergeant tells how future force is key to Air Force



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

2nd Lt. Shanna Latimer, 47th Mission Support Squadron, reads the oath of enlistment to Staff Sgt. Joseph Turner, 47 MSS during his re-enlistment Wednesday. This is Turner's third re-enlistment.

By Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete

355th Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant

I am often asked about the Air Force and what makes it so successful in transforming young men and women into self-assured, responsible and courageous leaders. And I respond that it's because from the moment we raise our hands and recite that patriotic oath at the time of our enlistment, we fervently believe we belong to a cause larger than ourselves.

The words, "I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" reminds us that when we took our oath, we pledged our allegiance to the Constitution and the nation

– they are what we serve. Do you remember the place and time when you recited those words? The lump in your throat, as you committed your life to preserve the rights and freedoms of others?

Well, maybe you didn't know this, but our Air Force is having a difficulty getting our nation's citizens to take on that noble, courageous call to duty.

Our Air Force has issued a call to help bring in new recruits. Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of us owes it to our nation to keep a strong and viable Air Force. We can do this by remembering we are all recruiters and we unknowingly recruit all the time. Anytime

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Actionline

Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also

be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Winfield W. Scott III

Col. Winfield W. Scott III

47th Flying Training Wing commander

AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Equal Opportunity	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

Commanders Corner

ORI gives Laughlin a chance to shine

By Robert Wood
Director of maintenance

The pending operational readiness inspection is a chance to show the inspector general what the folks here know already – that the professionals who serve at Laughlin deliver first class mission support all year long. When we do a job well day in and day out, we might well ask, “Why get ready?” The answer is this: if we make ourselves conscious of our key processes, then we fine-tune a mindset that makes our best habits our most natural response when tested under time, pressure, or actual crisis.

In a process review, getting ready ensures that the right response, compliance with prescribing directives, is our best and most ingrained habit.

“Getting set,” means bringing on line our ability to convince the reviewers that we are really that good in a positive, relaxed manner. This is a lot like preparing for a significant job interview, a bold face flight maneuver, or a dance recital. Practice relieves anxiety and pro-

motes confidence that you can produce exactly the right file when the inspector says, “show me.”

On the flight line it means that we feel comfortable with the examination of any aircraft, its forms, or related support equipment and production inspections that the team wishes to examine – we ensure the inspector’s first impressions are accurate. They enter safe, tidy and uncluttered work centers to see conscientious employees using the right tools and prescribing instructions.

Courteous and hospitable employees who meet the inspectors act like they are happy to show them around.

If we use our time wisely to “get ready” and “get set,” the command to “GO!” reminds us that we are here to run the kind of race that best exhibits how the team works together in mission support. “Go!” implies that we have internalized the discipline it takes to respond on cues that could be real or simulated. Do we want to excel on the pending ORI? Then “Get ready, get set, GO!”



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Marco Pimentel (front) and J.J. Sanchez, aircraft attendants for Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance, remove the right Comm-Nav panel of a T-38 Talon Tuesday as they prepare to change a battery. Using the proper tools and safety equipment while performing tasks is crucial – and also one way to “Get Ready” for the ORI.

Seatbelts save lives: A father remembers the day he almost lost his daughter

By David Smith
AETC public affairs

One Saturday morning, about 7:30, the telephone rang. As I sit here, a few months after the event trying to put these words on the screen, I am still choked with emotion.

Chrissy, my baby (a 21-year-old junior at Clemson), called to say she had bad news. Chrissy was on her way back to school at the end of Spring Break, from visiting friends in Virginia. She almost made it to North Carolina.

Driving west on US Highway 58, she reached down to adjust her radio. When

she did, she moved the steering wheel in the direction of her reach-to the right. Normally this is a minor concern. When you are on a road with no shoulder and a ditch where the shoulder should be, things take on a different perspective.

She felt the right tire bump off the road and immediately tried to correct back to the left but there wasn’t enough ground to make the correction. Her car

went down into the ditch next to the highway and did a full 360-degree roll, with a 180-degree spin.

“Everything was broken and the accident was considered a total loss except for two very important things: the seat belt and my daughter.”

Mary, her roommate, was driving immediately ahead of Chrissy and saw the event in her rearview mirror. Mary’s first thought was, “Chrissy’s dead!” Mary immediately turned around and about ten other people stopped to help.

The driver-side door was crushed

closed, so after releasing her seat belt Chrissy had to crawl across to the passenger side to get out.

Chrissy said everything on the car was broken. The wrecker driver said everything on the car was broken. The insurance adjuster said it was a total loss. Everything was broken and the accident was considered a total loss except for two very important things: the seat belt and my daughter.

I still have two daughters because the seatbelt was not broken, because it was

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– 47 FTW motto

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SUPT Class 00-11 graduates today, soars to the next level



Capt. Francine Miske
Class Leader
KC-135 – McGuire AFB,
N.J. (ANG)



1st Lt. Matthew Domsalla
Assistant class leader
A-10 – Davis-Monthan
AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Samuel Arieff
C-17 – Charleston AFB,
S.C.



2nd Lt. Thomas Davis
F-15E – Seymour Johnson
AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Kenneth Evans
C-5 – Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Chad Greer
F-16 – Toledo, Ohio (ANG)



2nd Lt. Eric Haagenon
F-16 – Andrews AFB, Md.
(ANG)



1st Lt. Christopher Jewett
C-130 – Little Rock AFB,
Ark.



2nd Lt. Brentlee Johnston
F-16 – Tulsa, Okla. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Michael Kirk
T-37 – Laughlin AFB, Texas



1st Lt. Osvaldo Lopez-Torres
KC-135 – Grand Forks
AFB, N.D.



2nd Lt. Chad McAdams
C-21 – Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Douglas MacIvor
C-141 – McChord AFB,
Wash.



2nd Lt. Charles Middleton
F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Miles Middleton
B-52 – Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Douglas Nocera
T-38 – Laughlin AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Michael Schiraldi
C-141 – McGuire AFB, N.J.
(AERES)



1st Lt. Jarin Thayn
C-5 – Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Cameron Warren
B-52 – Barksdale AFB, La.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-11 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony in the Operations Training Complex.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine subsonic T-37 Tweet. In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

Primary training consists of 254.4

hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized area or track. The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo pilot training in the T-1 aircraft, fighter pilot training in the T-38, turbo-propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44 and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1.

Advanced training takes about 26 weeks and involves 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

Graduates of Class 00-11 have been assigned to aircraft at duty stations throughout the world.



1st Lt. Malcolm Pharr
C-12 – Elmendorf AFB,
Alaska



Capt. Martin Ryan
KC-135 – McGuire AFB,
N.J. (ANG)



1st Lt. Aaron Stuck
RC-135 – Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Qutbiddin Noralie
L-39 – Republic of
Uzbekistan



2nd Lt. Gregory Powell
KC-135 – Rickenbacker,
Ohio (ANG)

July promotees

<u>To master sergeant:</u>	<u>ORG</u>	<u>EFFDATE</u>
James T. Moon	47 FTW	July 1
<u>To staff sergeant:</u>		
Michael B. Hammond	47 FTW	July 1
Maria L. Hitchcock	47 ADS	July 1
Damion S. Madison	47 OSS	July 1
<u>To senior airman:</u>		
Jon L. Daley	47 SFS	July 4
Jennifer Dill	47 OSS	July 14
Monique Carpenter	47 OSS	July 16
Kevin M. Getchell	47 OSS	July 23
Deborah McCracken	84 FTS	July 28
<u>To airman 1st class:</u>		
Chonte L. Donnell	47 SFS	July 3
Daniel J. Gutierrez	47 OSS	July 3
Mark A. Calhoun	85 FTS	July 10
Joyce E. Cunningham	47 SFS	July 10
Elyot J.M. Selman	47 OSS	July 17
Saria K. Bougie	47 MSS	July 25
<u>To captain:</u>		
Burl E. Kelton III	84 FTS	July 4
<u>To 1st lieutenant:</u>		
Corey J. Otis	86 FTS	July 1
Timothy R. Garland	86 FTS	July 3
Jared W. Dickerson	86 FTS	July 4
William B. Johnson	47 CS	July 5
Cameron L. Warren	86 FTS	July 5
Tyler E. Lewis	87 FTS	July 7
Jeremy S. Roberts	86 FTS	July 12
Michael Freimarck	86 FTS	July 13
Richard D. Erkkila	87 FTS	July 14
Matthew R. Housand	87 FTS	July 16
Kara M. Winn	86 FTS	July 21
Jamie Breitreutz	86 FTS	July 23
Tamara L. Ward	87 FTS	July 23
Justin M. Fore	87 FTS	July 29

Laughlin recognizes BTZ promotees

Three base members promoted for displaying exceptional potential for increased responsibility



**Airman 1st Class
Deborah McCracken**
84th Flying Training Squadron



**Airman 1st Class
Jennifer Dill**
47th Operations Support Squadron



**Airman 1st Class
Toby Pete**
47th Communications Squadron



Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Senior Airman Mike Hammond, 47th Flying Training Wing, Col. (Ret.) Donald S. Robb (center) and Col. Skip Scott, 47th FTW commander, place a wreath in honor of airman who fought in the Korean War during a ceremony here June 23.

Veteran recalls sacrifices made during Korean War

**Staff Sgt.
Reginal Woodruff**
Public Affairs

Loughlin commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the Korean War with a ceremony here June 25. The guest speaker fought the whine of T-37 engines and rising emotions to educate the people in attendance about the war that many forgot.

Col. (Ret.) Donald S. Robb, a 75-year-old veteran of the war, proudly recalled the turbulent conflict where dedicated U.S. military patriots fought and died in defending democracy.

“At that time, people looked at things a lot differently than they do now,” said Robb. “When our commanders told us to go, that’s what we were sworn to do. If our country said go fight over there, that’s what we were there for. We trained for it; we got paid for it—that’s why we existed. So we did it.”

Most of today’s airmen will probably never experience the

fear of flying 20,000 feet over a war-torn country with bullets speeding toward them and the flash and smoke of explosions below—and they definitely won’t have to do it for \$1 a day per diem. However, Robb flew more than one bombing run over North Korea in B-29s during the seven months he served during the war.

“The frontline moved and was running in all different directions,” Robb said. “So wherever they needed the bombs,

they would take us there, and we’d drop them. That was probably pretty close to where the (Demilitarized Zone) is now.” The rest of the time it was strategic bombing on aluminum producing plants, power plants, dams and railroad marshalling yards, he said.

Like others, Robb wondered about the war’s relevance to the security of the United States. Yet, he continued to do the job he had sworn to do.

“We were working under the domino theory,” the colonel said. “If you let one country go communist, why another’s going to go communist, and pretty soon the whole world is going to be communist. So from that aspect, we thought it was the right thing to do, but we couldn’t see how we were really directly serving the folks at home. But that didn’t bother us, that’s what we were there for. That was our mission in life.”

According to Robb, they were driven by patriotism.

“You do it for you country and your fellow man not yourself,” he said. He said he also did it for his family, which supported him through a demanding military career, spanning three wars.

“We knew the danger they were in,” said Violet R. Robb, his wife. “You know if you’re in the military, you’re always at possibility (to be called to fight). I enjoyed my entire ... our entire military career. I really did. I wouldn’t have changed a thing.”

Robb calls the time he had to throw an armed, hundred-pound bomb from the bomb bay of a B-29 flying over North Korea one of his most difficult and

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Airman 1st Class Billy West, 47th Communications Squadron, plays taps during the ceremony

Question of the week

If the Chief of Staff were in your office and asked what can be done to improve quality of life, what would you say?



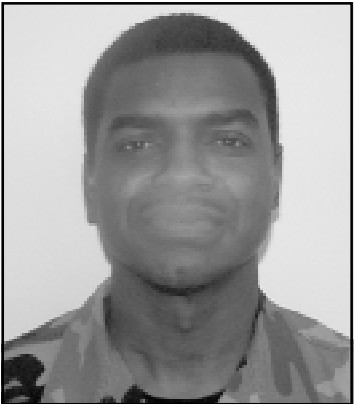
“Change military healthcare’s emphasis from managing healthcare to applying healthcare.”

Capt. Jason Shroyer
87th Flying Training Squadron



“Reduce the amount of temporary duty assignments.”

2nd Lt. Ryan Addams
86th Flying Training Squadron



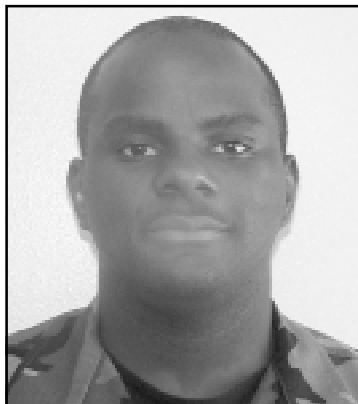
“Improve facilities such as the XL Fitness Center, commissary, base exchange and senior noncommissioned officer housing.”

Master Sgt. Arnold Bush
47th Flying Training Wing



“Allow people who are making a permanent change of station move to be compensated for lodging more than 10 days.”

Tech Sgt. Sabina M. Wiener
47th Mission Support Squadron



“Bring our pay up to the same as our civilian counterparts and revamp our leave policy for shift workers.”

Tech. Sgt. Terence Scott
47th Civil Engineer Squadron



From the Blotter

(From June 11-20)



- A military member reported a dog had bitten a child. The animal was placed in home quarantine under the advice of the on-call veterinarian.
- An individual reported unknown persons had damaged his vehicles. Damage consisted of a five-foot scratch mark to the passenger side quarter panel of a Chevy Silverado and multiple scratches to the hood of a Nissan Altima. No suspects were identified. Information on this incident should be reported to security forces at 5100.
- An unannounced alarm activation was received from the Base Exchange through the Sonics Alarm panel. The alarm was caused by human error.
- Six military members requested assistance gaining entry into their vehicles due to the keys being locked inside. Security forces patrolmen

gained access to all vehicles without damage.

■ An individual reported his recreational vehicle hit a hanging tree branch in the 47th Medical Group parking lot. The RV suffered minor damage.

■ An individual reported his rear bicycle tire was slashed between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. June 12. An investigation is underway. Information on this or any other incident must be reported to security forces at 5100.

Tip of the week: Increased THREATCON directives require security forces to heighten security checks at the gates and throughout the base. These command directed checks can slow down traffic at the main gate. Please plan accordingly and allow yourself extra travel time during THREATCONS.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

- Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.
- Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.
- Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.
- Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.
- Sunday school 11 a.m., religious education building.

Protestant

- General worship 11 a.m.
- Bible study video luncheon

11 a.m. Thursday, chapel fellowship hall.
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., religious education building.

Jewish

Max Stool
219 West Strickland St.
Del Rio, Texas
Phone: 775-4519

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.

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uniform, including flight suits, desert battle dress uniforms, battle dress uniforms and basic military training instructors marching in blues.

Hornburg has commanded numerous key military organizations, including 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; the Joint Warfighting Cen-

ter, Fort Monroe, Va.; and the 4th Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

He led a composite fighter wing during Operation Desert Storm and the first Air Force composite wing during the service’s re-organization in 1991-1992.

In other assignments, Hornburg directed air operations over Bosnia, served on the Joint Staff, and directed operations at Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

Also, the general served as an F-15 East Coast demonstration pilot, an Air Force liaison officer to the U.S. Senate, and as chief of the Air Force Colonels Group.

The general is a command pilot with 4,000 flight hours and three combat tours. He has flown various aircraft to include the T-37, T-38, O-1, O-2, F-100, OV-10, KC-10, F-4D/E, F-15A/C/E, and F-16C.

(Courtesy AETCNS)

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someone knows you are involved with the Air Force, active duty or civilian, you are recruiting.

Every conversation you have, even the most casual conversation while you fill your vehicle with gas or order at a fast-food restaurant, can have a far-reaching impact on recruiting.

Wearing your uniform proudly as you travel from one

temporary duty location to another can unknowingly place that patriotic seed in someone’s mind and make them think about the armed forces, specifically the Air Force, and their call to duty.

Whether you’re career Air Force or serving one or two terms, we need you to get involved. Civilians, officers and enlisted – take on the challenge of “Future Force” and recruit one new person to active duty!

To find out how you can get involved or assist in this noble and worthwhile cause, call your local public affairs office.

Twenty-plus years ago when a young man walked into my high school wearing his sharp, crisp, professional-looking uniform, little did I know that would be a turning point in my life – to serve my country. When I raised my hand and pledged my allegiance to my country, I became the future force – that was then.

It is now our turn to ensure the most respected Air Force in the world has a future force – right now. Commit to this worthwhile cause and make a difference. You’ll be glad you did.

‘Safety’ from page 3

properly fastened and because it did its job when it really counted.

Chrissy had an abrasion at the top of her shoulder from the seat belt, a small cut from flying glass and some sore muscles. That was minor considering what could have been.

We have a lot to be thankful for – a lot of nice people in Virginia who stopped to help Chrissy, everybody who built that tough little car and especially the seat belt-without which this message would have been very different.

(Courtesy AETCNS)

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‘Veteran’ from page 6
rewarding experiences. His weathered face glowed as he described how he removed his parachute to get around the bomb rack and literally hung by his fingertips as wind gushed in through the open bomb bay doors. “It’s my bragging story,” he said.

Yet, it’s the simple support of his family that impacted him most during the war. “The fact that when you have the right wife, then the military occupation is a great thing,” Robb said, stammering and wiping away the few tears he couldn’t fight back. “You can go do your job and don’t have to worry about home

because you got the boss back there taking care of things. So it’s a wonderful thing, if the right couple gets together. If not, it’s horrible.” “It was definitely our career,” said his daughter, Dagmar Loose. More than 54,000 U.S. military personnel died during the Korean War; 103,000 were wounded and 70,000 were pris-

oners of war. In closing his speech, Robb asked, how can something that resulted in the loss of so many lives be forgotten? He left the podium before getting a response. Later, the man who spent many years selflessly defending others defended the people who overlook the sacrifices of Ko-

rean War veterans. “I think the reason the general public is sort of disassociated with the Korean War is because they weren’t personally involved,” he said. “Unless you were there or someone close to you was there, it is just a news item you’ll promptly forget. I think it’s just human nature.”

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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know or
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FWA, call
the FWA
hotline, Ext.
4170 or call
the
Inspector
General’s
office at
5638.

Fireworks

Wing safety office reminds members to be safe while enjoying them

Each year at this time, Americans prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, the birthday of our great country – the United States of America. On July 4, 1776, we declared our independence from England.

That day saw the beginning of a journey that's brought us through struggles and adversity to become the proud and strong nation we are today. On the Fourth of July we remember who we are, where we've come from and what we've accomplished as a people.

While this is certainly cause for celebration, safety should be a primary concern for your Independence Day celebration - particularly if it includes fireworks. If you're going to be in charge of fireworks at home this year, it is important to plan ahead. Your planning and your reactions could help prevent an injury.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Na-



tional Council on Fireworks Safety offer the following safety tips to help you celebrate this Fourth of July safely:

- Always read and follow label directions.
- Have an adult present.
- Buy from reliable sellers.
- Use outdoors only.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never give fireworks to small

children.

- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trash can.
- Never throw or point

fireworks at other people.

- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- Avoid illegal explosives.

In general, it's better to go where fireworks are shown publicly, where trained professionals set them off in compliance with the fire code. If you must set off fireworks at home, wear safety goggles and follow the recommendations of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

(Courtesy 47 FTW safety office)
Have a safe holiday!

AFOSI seeks new special agents

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. – Military members looking to cross-train to a challenging and rewarding career field should look no further than becoming a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Every special agent is a volunteer. They're members of a highly trained team that investigate crimes against persons and property, defeat and deter base-level and contract fraud, combat threats to our information systems and technologies, and provide the Air Force counterintelligence support for its force protection mission. It's a job that involves excitement and opportunity – and it could be for you.

Senior airmen (with less than six years time in service), staff sergeants and technical sergeants in all career fields except security forces are eligible. Security forces members in the grades of techni-

cal sergeant-select through master sergeant are eligible. Members who have at least 18 months time-on-station and less than 12 years of total active federal military service are eligible to apply.

Applicants with foreign language, and computer and technical skills, are among those highly sought after by the command.

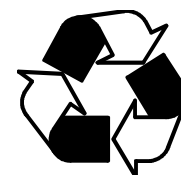
Applicants accepted into the command will attend the U.S. Air Force Special Investigations Academy at Andrews. The 11-week special investigator's course includes instruction in law, investigative theory, report writing, forensics, interview techniques and other subjects designed to prepare special agents for the challenges of investigative duty.

For more information on applying, contact your local AFOSI detachment or call DSN 857-2179, commercial (240) 857-2179.

(Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Please ...

Recycle!



The XLer

Family: Husband, Ryan; dog, Ronnie.

Time at Laughlin: 2 1/2 years.

Time in service: Almost 3 years.

Why did you join the Air Force family? To enhance my education and give myself a stepping stone in life.

Long-term goals: Finish my bachelor's degree.

Greatest accomplishment: Surviving my first two years at Laughlin.

Bad Habit: Daydreaming.

Hobbies: Shopping and singing.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Make it a remote assignment.

If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why? I would go back in time and visit Bill Gates and invest heavily in his newly-made company.



Photo by Trina Ezernack

Airman 1st Class Sherri Johns
47th Contracting Squadron

Where are they now?

Name: Capt. Brian J. Wald.
Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 97-10, June 13, 1997.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: C-17, Charleston AFB.

Mission of your aircraft?

Strategic airlift, direct delivery from CONUS to small airfields worldwide and tactical airdrop operations.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? Reliability.

What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? The seats aren't comfortable.

What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to

fly? My casual status job was an environmental engineer in the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron. The people there taught me quite a bit about the Air Force – especially officer/enlisted interactions.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? I started at Taco's Grill and ended

somewhere on the bridge back to the U.S. I think I was charged way too much for cab fare.

What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Study and relax. Just study more than you relax.



**Double
your
intake.**

If you aren't looking at the United States Air Force Online News Wednesday, you aren't getting all of the news.

After you read this paper, check out your other newspaper at:
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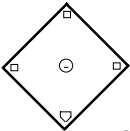
Dart
tourney-

■ *When?* Thursday, 7 p.m.
■ *Where?* Club Amistad

■ *Format?* Blind draw
doubles tournament, games
are Cricket and 501. Double
elimination.

■ *How much?* \$5. All of the
entry fees returned as prize
money to winning teams.

Around the diamond
Coverage of Laughlin's intramural softball league



LCSAM - 28, MDG #1 - 3

Bobby Dominguez hit two
inside-the-park home runs and
had seven runs batted in for
LCSAM as it routed MDG #1 in
the 8 p.m. intramural softball
game Monday night at Babe

Ruth Field here.

LCSAM raised its record to
3-0 on the season, while MDG
#1 remained winless at 0-5.

MDG #2 - 19, CS/CONS/SVS - 4

Todd Draper went 4-for-4,
with 5 RBIs, and Lee Erickson

hit a two-run, inside-the-park
homer for MDG #2, as it handed
CS/CONS/SVS its first loss of
the season, 19-4, in Monday's 9
p.m. game.

MDG #2 improved to 2-1,
while CS/CONS/SVS fell to 3-1.

Laughlin
Sports

(Standings current as of Thursday)

Trap and Skeet

Team	Week 8 score	Total
SVS	105.5	821.5
ADS #1	93	819.5
87 FTS	56	778
ADS #2	72	754.5
84 FTS	47	642
CES	24	457.5

Volleyball

* The 84/85 FTS won the
intramural volleyball cham-
pionship Tuesday night at
the XL Fitness Center,
smashing the OSS in two
games, 25-10 in each.

Softball

Team	Wins	Losses
LSI	3	0
CS/SVS/CONS	4	1
CES	4	1
OSS #1	4	1
LCSAM	3	1
MDG #2	2	1
87 FTS	2	2
SFS	2	3
OSS #2	1	2
84/85 FTS	0	4
EAST	0	5
MDG #1	0	5

Schedule of games for July
3-7:

Wednesday

7 p.m. – MDG #2 vs EAST
8 p.m. – OSS #2 vs LCSAM
9 p.m. – 87 FTS vs CES

Golf

Team	Points
Fire Department	74
OSS	73
LCSAM	72
LSI #1	59.5
LSI #2	38.5
Services	38

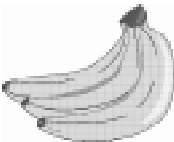
If you're interested in writing
short stories on intramural
games for the Border Eagle,
call 298-5393.

Think
safety:

Keep all valu-
ables secure!



High blood pressure?
Have a banana!



By 1st Lt. Julie A. Baldwin

Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Fort Jackson, S.C.

Here is another reason to reach for a banana the next time
you are snacking. A recent study of elderly patients with high
blood pressure looked at the use of long-term potassium
supplements. The study concluded that modest increases in di-
etary potassium intake could have an important effect in lower-
ing blood pressure in a large portion of elderly people with hy-
pertension.

High-potassium foods include bananas, oranges, potatoes,
broccoli, sprouts, almonds, apples, asparagus, bran, white
beans, lima beans, catfish, cabbage and cheese.

This news could be especially important for black Ameri-
cans. According to the American Heart Association, 71 per-
cent of non-Hispanic black Americans aged 60 and over have
high blood pressure. In addition, the American Heart Associa-
tion states that blacks develop high blood pressure at an earlier
age than their white counterparts, and their hypertension tends
to be more severe than that of whites.

If you have high blood pressure, continue to get it moni-
tored. Keep your healthcare provider informed of dietary or
other lifestyle changes you make. As always, take your pre-
scribed medications as directed. Continue to exercise and eat a
balanced diet as part of your overall plan to control hyperten-
sion. And, next time you eat your cereal, do your blood pres-
sure some good and slice up a banana to go with it.

Pilot graduation

The graduation ceremony for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-11 is scheduled for 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

Brig. Gen. Paul J. Fletcher, commander of the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. will be the guest speaker.

Field training exercise

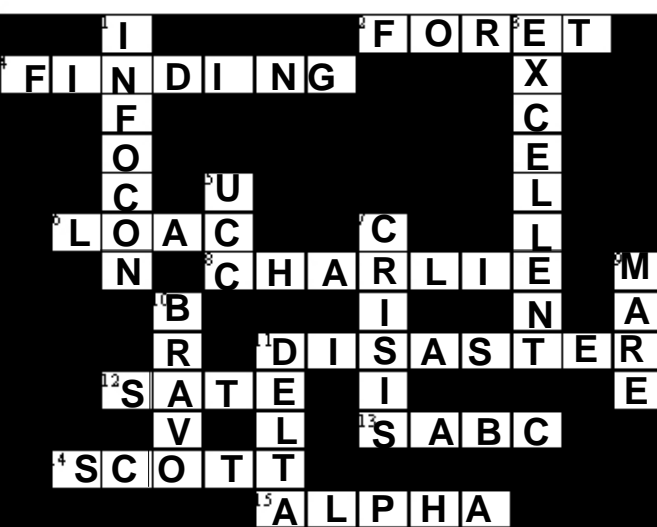
The 47th Security Forces Squadron will be conducting field exercises Saturday from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. These exercises will occur at the Goulds Gulch training area on the east perimeter. Do not be alarmed or contact the law enforcement desk if you hear explosions and/or small arms fire in that vicinity because security forces will be employing blank ammunition and Ground Burst Simulators.

NCOA/PMEGA meeting

A meeting of the Laughlin Noncommissioned Officers Association and the Professional Military Education's Graduates Association is scheduled for July 7 at 11 a.m. in the Airman Leadership School/Enlisted Heritage Building. This meeting is open to all active duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved with career enhancing professional organizations. Come and see the dynamic things we're doing to help the Laughlin and Del Rio communities.

IG crossword puzzle

(Answers from last week)



- ACROSS**
- 2. Col. Herb _____ is the 47 FTW/CV.
 - 4. A _____ is a significant deficiency that requires a specific answer to HQ AETC on corrective actions.
 - 6. Annual training required on ROE during armed conflict (abbr.).
 - 8. INFOCON _____ is declared when intelligence assessments and reports indicate a limited attack has occurred.
 - 11. The _____ Control Group (DCG) goes to the site of a disaster which has occurred.
 - 12. Security Awareness Training and Education (abbr.).
 - 13. Self Aide Buddy Care.
 - 14. Col. Skip _____ is the 47 FTW/CC.
 - 15. INFOCON _____ is declared when a heightened threat of a possible information system attack exists.

- DOWN**
- 1. A comprehensive defense posture and response based on the status of information systems, military operations and intelligence assessments of adversary capabilities and intent is called _____.
 - 3. Grade given to indicate performance or operation exceeds mission requirements.
 - 5. Unit Control Center (UCC).
 - 7. The _____ Action Team is convened at the direction of the Wing CC in response to disaster and meets in the Command Post Crisis Action Rm.
 - 9. Major Accident Response Exercise (abbr.).
 - 10. Indications and warnings indicate the targeting of a specific system, location, unit or operation.
 - 11. INFOCON _____ is declared when a successful information system attack is detected which affects DoD systems.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Chris Clauser at 5441.

Induction ceremony

A Senior NCO induction ceremony is scheduled for July 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Club XL ballroom. Ticket price to be determined. Required dress for the event is: military officers – mess dress; enlisted – mess dress or semiformal; civilians – business attire.

For more information on this event, call Master Sgt. Reginald Henry at 298-6443 or e-mail him at Reginald.Henry@laughlin.af.mil.

FSC programs

The Parent Child Playgroup is a program that focuses on developmental play, arts, crafts and much more every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Family Support Center.

A new group, Baby Meets, is forming for parents and their babies 12 months and under. The group offers parents an opportunity to learn more about their babies' development, share lessons learned and make new friends.

The Happy Landings Seminar is a seminar for newly married Air Force or Laughlin members that are curious about what Laughlin has to offer. The seminar is from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the summer dates are July 25 and August 29.

For more information, call Sabrina Pena at 298-5327.

Refuse collection

There will be no trash collection Tuesday in military family housing and the base trailer park in observance of Independence Day. Trash will be collected Wednesday. There will be no other changes to the collection schedule for the week. For any feedback on refuse service, call Pat Lunn at 298-5247.

Recycling and refuse

The method of surveillance for refuse and recycling service for base housing and mobile home residents is customer complaint.

For more information, call Pat Lunn at 298-5247.

College overseas

Interested in attending college overseas, studying a foreign language, gaining an in-depth knowledge and understanding of history, social, political, cultural and economic characteristics of that country?

The Olmsted Scholar Program provides this opportunity and more. Officers interested in applying should contact the MPF Customer Service section at 5276 for more details and to obtain a sample application package.

Looking to the ORI

(By Lt. Col. Barbara Stewart, 47 FTW inspector general)

60-day checklist

- Commanders: Are your unit unofficial activities (read snack bars) being run in accordance with AFI 34-223, Private Organizations?
- Commanders: Have you gotten your in-brief (if required) for the IG team done yet?
- Go through your desk drawers and clean out anything that doesn't need to be there.



Photo by Trina Ezernack

Surfing the web

Jose Rodriguez, family member, takes advantage of the internet service available at the Book Mark Library Thursday. Under a recent commercial sponsorship agreement, Air Education and Training Command base libraries will provide customers with Internet access from Servicity.com, a website primarily designed for military personnel in all the services.

Officers interested in applying should contact the MPF Customer Service section at 5276 for more details and to obtain a sample application package.

Changes of command

The 85th Flying Training Squadron will hold a change of command ceremony July 14 at 8 a.m. on the flightline in front of Bldg. 320. Lt. Col. Michael A. Silver will be relinquishing his command to Lt. Col. William T. Davidson, Jr.

The 47th Communications Squadron will hold a change of command ceremony Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Ribas-Dominicci Circle. Maj. Steve Donatucci will be relinquishing his command to Maj. Anthony Zarbano.

The change of command ceremony for the 47th Medical Support Squadron is scheduled for July 7 at 10 a.m. at Club Amistad. Maj. Bruce A. Allen relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Edward Y. Walker, III.

ALS graduation dinner

The Airman Leadership School will host a graduation dinner for Class 00-4 July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Club XL.

For more information, call 5456.

Beat the heat

As part of the 101 Critical Days of Summer, HUGS is offering the following programs to beat the heat: July 12 – Splish ‘n Splash Family Pool Party at the Friendship Pool. July 22 – Dive-In Family Pool Party at the Friendship Pool.

For more information, call Eliza Broadbridge at 4362.

